



PATENT APPLICATION DOCKET NO. CRT044US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION UNDER GRANTED PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

GROUP ART UNIT: 3621

EXAMINER: Backer, Firmin

INVENTOR(S): Triola, C.R.

SERIAL NO.: 09/833,390

CONF. NO.: 3769

FILED: April 11, 2001

SUBJECT: Method and Apparatus for Processing Escrow Transactions

DECLARATION OF C. RICHARD TRIOLA UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

I, C. Richard Triola, declare:

1. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter of the present, above-referenced, application.

2. I am the President/CEO/Chairman of the Board of a company now doing business as EZESCROW, Inc., a Delaware corporation, formerly known as "EEZCROW.COM," (pronounced "ee-ezcrow") having a former e-mail address of "uptown@acninc.net" and a present Internet web site of "http://www.ezEscrowusa.com," and e-mail address of "rick@ezescrowusa.com."

3. I reduced my invention to practice prior to December 10, 1999.

4. In the summer of 1999, I met and employed Verle Yoder, Sterling Productions, Box 3427, San Clemente, CA 92674, to code a commercial software implementation of my invention.

RECEIVED

DEC 15 2003

GROUP 3600

5. Attached are true and correct photocopies of exhibits in support of my invention, which is commercially referred to as ezEscrow™, showing both prior conception/reduction-to-practice dates and use/on-sale dates, all prior to December 10, 1999:

(1) EXHIBIT A, dated "10/23/99", is a COPY of a "Network Solutions" web address reservation for the former web site of this business, "EEZCROW.COM."

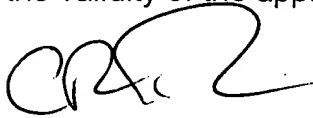
(2) EXHIBIT B, dated "November 09, 1999, is a COPY of an actual e-mail sales order to this business, "Escrow Order Form Results" of this business, evidenced by being addressed as "To: uptown@acninc.net"

"From: verasesc@winnt26.netservers.net," the e-mail address for Vera's Escrow Service, Inc. of Irvine, CA.

(3) EXHIBIT C, dated "December 02, 1999" is a COPY of an e-mail subscription to the services of this business; see Subject: "Re: Fw: New Member Sign-Up" by "Jay Shapiro."

6. Due diligence in pursuit of my invention is exhibited by both these EXHIBITS and the filing date of April 20, 2000 of my Provisional Application, 60/198785.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



C. Richard Triola

Dated: November 24, 2003